***Lesson 2: The Person***

**Key Words:** Genealogy, Genocide, Genre, Genteel, Gentile, Gentry, Heterogeneous, Homogeneous, Congenital, Engender, Genesis, Indigenous, Ingenious, Progenitor and Progeny.

**Root Words:** Genos - Geneos, Gens - Gentis, Genus - Generis, Gigno - Gignere - Genui - Genitum.

**Genos, Geneos** <G. "race," "family"

**Gens, Gentis** <L. "race," "clan," "family"

**Genus, Generis** <L. "birth," "race," "kind," "tribe," "clan"

1. **Genealogy**

(Noun) A record of descent from one's ancestors; the study of family records.

Toni Morrison's novel Song of Solomon traces the **genealogy** of an American family from the mid-twentieth century back to their African heritage.

2. **Genocide**

(Noun) The planned annihilation of a racial, political, or cultural group.

The Nazi effort to eliminate all Jews is the most extensive attempt at **genocide** in history.

3. **Genre**

(Noun) A type, class, or category, especially of fine art of literature.

Edna Ferber's writing encompasses several **genres**- fiction, drama, and autobiography.

4. **Genteel**

(Adj) Well-mannered; refined; polite. (Sometimes used to mean "falsely polite" or "having affected good manners.")

Although the tried to look **genteel**, their vulgar language and rude behavior betrayed their lack of refinement.

5. **Gentile**

(Noun) Anyone not of the Jewish faith.

Although they are **gentiles**, they are familiar with Jewish tradition.

6. **Gentry**

(Noun)

1. Aristocratic or well-bred people.

Their cultivated manners and education showed them to be members of the **gentry**.

2. In Britain, the class under the aristocracy.

Several of Jane Austen's novels describe the English **gentry** enjoying their country estates.

7. **Heterogeneous**

(Adj) Having parts that are unrelated or completely different.

The United States has been called a "melting pot" because of its **heterogeneous** population.

8. **Homogeneous**

(Adj)

1. Of the same kind of sort.

As a result of modern weaving technology, thousands of yards of **homogeneous** cloth can be produced by factories in different countries.

2. Composed of parts that are alike.

Because few non-Icelanders live in Iceland, it is a culturally **homogeneous** country.

**Gigno - Gignere - Genui - Genitum** <L. "to beget," "to bear," "to bring forth"

9. **Congenital**

(Adj) Existing at birth but not hereditary.

The baby is the only member of its family to have a **congenital** heart defect.

10. **Engender**

\*(Verb)\* To give rise to; to bring into existence.

The British Parliament's tariff on a tea **engendered** violent protests like the Boston Tea Party in the over-taxed American colonies.

11. **Genesis**

(Noun)

1. A beginning or origin.

Historians trace the **genesis** of the United Nations to the League of Nations.

2. (capitalized) The first book of the Old Testament.

One story of the creation of the world is told in **Genesis**.

12. **Indigenous**

(Adj)

1. Occurring in or characterizing area; native.

Shinto, a religion **indigenous** to Japan, originated in prehistoric times, while Buddhism was introduced from Korea in the sixth century.

2. Inborn.

Curiosity is a characteristic **indigenous** to human beings.

13. **Ingenious**

(Adj) Cleverly inventive and resourceful.

Harriet Tubman's **ingenious** tactics helped more than 300 slaves escape to freedom.

14. **Progenitor**

(Noun) A direct ancestor; an originator of a line of descent.

The Wright brothers' flying machine is the **progenitor** of the modern airplane.

15. **Progeny**

(Noun) Children or descendants; offspring.

(Sometimes **progeny** also refers to the result of artistic creativity. For example, Charles Dickens said that of all his **progeny**--meaning his novels--he loved David Copperfield best.)